

MELINIS MINUTIFLORA. (Poaceae.) 29100. Seed from Brazil. Presented by Dr. Orville A. Derby, Servico Geologico e Mineralogico do Brazil. "The species of grass named *Panicum melinis* (*Melinis minutiflora*) occurs in at least two distinct varieties: *capim catingueiro roxo* and *catingueiro claro*. The *Melinis minutiflora* is certainly but a synonym of the *Panicum melinis* and no distinct species. A variety has been found at Petropolis, but as I had no opportunity to see this variety I think it is an adaptation to the different conditions of humidity in the mountains." (Alberto Lofgren, Director, Botanical garden, Sao Paulo, Brazil.) For distribution later.

NICOTIANA TABACUM. (Solanaceae.) 29163. Tobacco seed, from the District of Mascota, Jalisco, Mexico. Presented by Dr. Pehr Olsson-Seffer, Mexico City. "This seed is of a form which supplies the cigar leaf of the locally well-known Mascota cigars, and is considered one of the best in this country." (Olsson-Seffer.) For distribution later.

PERSEA GRATISSIMA. (Lauraceae.) 29161. Seeds of avocado, from Barbados, British West Indies. Presented by Mr. A. S. Archer, Antigua. "The fruits from which I obtained these seeds were purple and weighed each from 2 pounds 10 ounces up to 3 pounds 2 ounces and nothing better could have been desired. The seed cavity was small." (Archer.) For distribution later.

PHYTOLACCA ACINOSA. (Phytolaccaceae.) 29133. Seed from Japan. Purchased from the Yokohama Nursery Company, Yokohama. "Variety *esculenta*. This is a perennial found wild only in moist mountain forest undergrowth. The leaves are eaten boiled in Miso soup by rural people; root is somewhat poisonous, used as a drug by herb medical school and berries are not edible." (Yokohama Nursery Company.) For distribution later.

POPULUS SP. (Salicaceae.) 29148. Cuttings of poplar from Chinese Turkestan, near Irkestan. "A poplar found here and there in clumps on sandy flats and on alkaline places. Leaves round, elliptical, color of trunk and twigs gray-white. The trees do not grow apparently to very large sizes. Of value as shade trees and as wind-breaks around gardens in alkaline sections in the northern parts of the United States." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

POPULUS TREMULA. (Salicaceae.) 29098. Cuttings from Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. Presented by the Tiflis Botanical Garden. "The wood of this tree is used almost exclusively in the match-industry of Sweden. Undoubtedly the other species of *Populus*, i.e., *P. alba* and *P. canescens* could be used to advantage for the same purpose but for the fact that the latter are not so